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HE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited),

Intend to despatch Steamers as follows :—

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. CHINSURA, 2,033 Tons, on WEDNESDAY, 3rd August, 1881, at 6 p. m., calling at Ratnagherry, Carwar, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Beypore, Calicut, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Madras, Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point, in the foregoing or any order, weather permitting.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

THE S. S. COCONADA, 862 Tons, on MONDAY, 8th August, 1881, at 4 p.m., calling at Kurrachee, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bahrein, Bushire, Fao, and Busreh, in the foregoing or any order, weather permitting.

FOR KURRACHEE DIRECT.

S. S. CALCUTTA, 863 Tons, on FRIDAY, 5th August, 1881, at 11 a.m.

FOR ADEN, ZANZIBAR, MOZAMBIQUE, INHAMBANE, QUILLIMANE, AND DELAGOA BAY.

THE S. S. JAVA, 1,465 Tons, on SATURDAY, 20th August, 1881.

FOR QUEENSLAND.

S. S. ROMA, 3,000 Tons. The Coast Steamer leaving Bombay on Wednesday, 17th August, will connect at Colombo with the Queensland Royal Mail Steamer Roma (new), taking passengers and cargo can be booked for the following ports :—

Batavia, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Bowen, Rockhampton, and Brisbane.

CALCUTTA TO RANGOON.

DURING the south-west monsoon the direct steamers will leave Calcutta for Rangoon every THURSDAY, instead of every FRIDAY.

N.B.—EXPORTS.—To save shippers the trouble of clearing and shipping, shipments not exceeding five tons will be received, and Bills of Lading granted in exchange at the Offices of the undersigned.

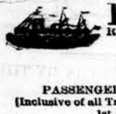
Railway receipts for packages from up-country should be forwarded to the undersigned, who will undertake clearance and shipment.

IMPORTS.—The undersigned undertake the landing, clearing and delivery in Bombay or forwarding by rail or steamer packages by the Company's Steamers. Bills of Lading and particulars of contents and value should accompany forwarding instructions.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 1st August, 1881. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION with ITALY

VIA SUEZ CANAL.



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The Regular Steamers Leave

GENOA on the 24th and BOMBAY on the 1st

of each Month.

PASSENGERS' RATES FROM BOMBAY.

[Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.]

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	Rs. 220	Rs. 150	Rs. 80	Including Wines.
Suez	„ 320	„ 220	„ 90	
Port Said	„ 330	„ 240	„ 90	
Messina	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Naples	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Leghorn	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Genoa	„ 500	„ 340	„ 140	
Marseilles	„ 520	„ 350	„ 140	Without food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge; Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON FREE of CHARGE to the extent allowed in the Hand books. All extra Luggage will be charged for at rates which can be learnt from the Agent.

Next steamers from Bombay :—

SUMATRA, to sail on THURSDAY, 1st Sept., 1881.
SINGAPORE, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st Oct., 1881.
MANILLA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st Nov., 1881.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation, and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

The Steamers of this Company start precisely at 12 noon. Passengers and heavy luggage are carried on board free of charges by the Company's steam launch leaving Apollo Bunder between 10 and 11 a. m.

First and Second Class Through Railway Tickets, from GENOA and NAPLES to LONDON, are issued here at rates which can be learnt from the undersigned.

Cargo for Barcelona and Odessa can be booked at through-rates.

For Hand-books of information, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

F. BOZZONI,
Agent, Rubattino S. N. Company.
Sassoon House, Elphinstone Circle.

Bombay, Feb. 11, 1881.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYDS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA CANAL.

THE following Steamers will be despatched from Bombay to Trieste :—

	Captain.	Tons	HP.	To sail
s. s. HUNGARIA	G. Sturli	1,982	400	9th Sept.

Rates of Passage-money (exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board at moderate prices) as under :—

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
To Trieste	Rs. 400	Rs. 280	Rs. 140 0
To Cyprus (via Port Said)	„ 375	„ 295	„ 143 0
To Port Said	„ 320	„ 255	„ 131 0
To Suez	„ 300	„ 240	„ 122 0
To Aden	„ 170	„ 130	„ 66 8

STEAM TO HONGKONG VIA COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s S. S. DAPHNE, Captain G. Doucich, 1,927 tons, 400 horse power, will be despatched as above on the 15th August, 1881.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

INSURANCES effected by the General Insurance Company (Limited), Marine Branch.

For further particulars, Freight, Passage, &c., &c., apply to

J. JANNI, Agent.

Sassoon House, 7, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, July 4th, 1881.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.

TENDERS (addressed to the Locomotive Superintendent, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Parell) will be received up to the 7th August for the PURCHASE of five old locomotive ENGINE BOILERS, which can be seen at Parell Works. The Company's Agent does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.

WANTED,

By the AMRITSAR MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, a EUROPEAN LADY duly qualified to take charge of a Hospital for Native Women, and to instruct a few pupils in medicine.

Salary Rupees 200 per mensem.

No allowance will be made for house or conveyance. The selected candidate will be required to live inside the city, so as to be available at all times to attend out-door patients.—Apply to

THE SECRETARY,
Municipal Committee, Amritsar, Punjab.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

STEAM to SOUTHAMPTON, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, AND GIBRALTAR.

THE following or other Steamers will be despatched as above :—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1881.
— THIBET	2393	400	W. R. Jordan	9th Aug
s. PESHAWUR	3900	600	E. J. Baker	16th „
— TEHERAN	3269	400	A.C. Loggin	23rd „
s. LOMBARDY	2723	450	J. B. Chapman	30th „

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock-head, at Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, and SOUTHAMPTON every Mail. The Steamers marked (s) proceed direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Venice, Trieste and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

Return Tickets are now issued at reduced rates as under, THREE MONTHS from date of departure to that of return,

	Via Brindisi. both ways.	Via Brindisi. one way.	Via Southampton. both ways.
First Class	Rs. 950	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,050
Second Class	Rs. 500	Rs. 550	Rs. 600
SIX MONTHS.			
First Class	Rs. 1,150	Rs. 1,200	Rs. 1,250
Second Class	Rs. 600	Rs. 650	Rs. 700

STEAM TO PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, JAPAN, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, & SYDNEY, CALLING AT CEYLON.

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1881.
BRINDISI	3512	550	Geo. Lee	29th July.
MIRZAPORE	3887	600	A. Parish	12th Aug.

Return Tickets are now issued	1st Class. Rs.	2nd Class. Rs.
To K. George's Sound, Adelaide, Melbourne or Sydney and back (available for nine months)	600	375
To Galle and back (available for two months)	150	75
To Penang or Singapore and back do.	450	225

Passengers for Australia change steamers at Galle.

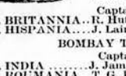
A Launch leaves the Company's Dock-head, at Mazagon, at 3 p. m., on the day of sailing.

F. D. PARKER,
Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Company.

Bombay, 25th July, 1881.

P. & O. S. N. COMPANY.

STEAM TO TRIESTE.



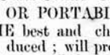
COMMENCING with the s. s. KASHGAR on the 12th instant the fortnightly Brindisi Steamer from Bombay will continue the voyage to Trieste.

F. D. PARKER,
Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Company.

Bombay, 7th July, 1881.

ANCHOR LINE.

INDIAN SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY, LIVERPOOL, AND MEDITERRANEAN.



THE following sailings have been arranged :—

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

	Captains	Tons.	h.p.	1881.
s.s. BRITANNIA	R. Hutchison	3,500	700	31st Aug.
s.s. HISPANIA	J. Laird	3,500	700	17th Sept.

BOMBAY TO MARSEILLES.

	Captains	Tons.	h.p.	1881.
s.s. INDIA	J. Jamieson	2,500	500	13th Aug.
s.s. ROUMANIA	T. G. Knox	3,500	700	21th Sept.

For rates and further particulars apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 5th January, 1880.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUBLE-ACTION
HOLBORN GARDEN PUMPS
OR PORTABLE FIRE-ENGINES,

THE best and cheapest article ever introduced ; will produce a splendid rain-like spray unequalled for watering flowers in bloom, or throw a continuous stream of water a distance of 40 feet.

Polished Brass, Rs. 6 each, Cash.

TREACHER & COMPANY, Ld.

PETIT MEDOC
CLARET.

TREACHER & Company's importation of this Wine remains *unequalled* at the price. The Public are respectfully requested to compare the quality with similar Brands (so styled) recently shipped to this market.

Per doz. Quarts, Cash, Rs. 13.
Per doz. Pints, Cash, Rs. 7-8

TREACHER & COMPANY, Ld.,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

BASS'S PALE ALE,
BOTTLED BY FOSTER AND SONS.

"IT is gratifying to find in each analysis that the reputation of this firm (who are Messrs. Bass and Co.'s principal bottling agents) for supplying the best and most genuine malt liquors is honourably sustained."

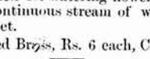
Per dozen Qts.	Cash Rs.	6 0
Do. Imperial Pints	„	5 4
Do. Pts	„	4 0

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY,
TREACHER & COMPANY, Ld.

TREACHER & Co. (Ld.)

THE Company's Wholesale QUARTERLY PRICE CURRENT of Drugs, Chemicals, Surgical Instruments, &c., &c., copiously illustrated, is being issued from the Press, and will be sent free on receipt of Professional or Business Card.

TREACHER & Co.,
LIMITED.



BY APPOINTMENT,
CHEMISTS, &c.,
TO H. E. THE GOVERNOR,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

ROBB'S NURSERY BISCUITS

ARE in use in every Royal Nursery in Europe. They are without doubt the best sustenance for Children recently weaned. Fresh shipments constantly received.

Rs. 2-8 per Tin.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY.

THE PRIZE COCOA OF THE DAY
IS
DELACRE'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA,

MORE economical and of finer flavour than any other Cocoa extant.

In tins—¼ lb. As. 12 ; ½ lb. Re. 1-8 ; 1 lb. Rs. 3.

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BOMBAY.

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WHOLESALE CHEMISTS
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SHIPPERS OF INDIAN DRUGS.
(Prize Medal, 1873.)

Price Lists, Wholesale and General, furnished on receipt of Card.

SASSOON HOUSE, FORT, BOMBAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE.

SATURDAY, 6TH AUGUST, 1881.
LAST APPEARANCE IN BOMBAY
OF
Mons. & Madame F. BERGER-DEPLACE.
FASHIONABLE PERFORMANCE
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
Madame ROSE BERGER-DEPLACE,
Kindly assisted by Amateurs.

A special and selected Programme will be issued to-morrow.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Plan open at SOUNDY & Co., Limited.

THE ALBERT EDWARD MILLS COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SHARE LIST of the above Company will be CLOSED on the 10th instant.

By order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co., Agents.

Broach, 1st August, 1881.

TO BE LET, from 1st September, the top floor of a comfortable BUNGALOW at Chowpatty. Rent, Rs. 60. Apply to

E. W. FLOWER,
4, Hummum Street. House Agent.

TO BE LET, a commodious upper-storied BUNGALOW at Grant Road, near the station, with eight bed-rooms, dining and sitting-rooms, &c., gas and water laid on ; lately in the occupation of R. W. Waller, Esq., For further particulars apply to

E. W. FLOWER,
4, Hummum Street. House Agent.

TO BE LET, a few good ROOMS at Grant Buildings. Apply to

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4, Hummum Street. House Agent.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Bombay, up to noon on the 11th August, 1881 (instant), for the supply of (200) two hundred tons of good Smithy COAL, free from dust, to be delivered by 31st August, 1881, in the Factory at Colaba, free of all charges.

Tenders to be accompanied by sample for trial.

Printed forms of Tenders will be supplied on application at the Factory Office, Colaba.

The lowest Tenders will not of necessity be accepted, and no reason will be given for rejection.

H. W. STOCKLEY, Major R. A.,
Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory.

Bombay, 2nd August, 1881.

NOTICE.—The undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the COCOANUT HOLIDAYS on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 9th and 10th Aug. :—

For the Oriental Bank Corporation,
J. D. DAWSON, Agent.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China,
H. W. JONES, Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China,
THOS. FORREST, Agent.

For the Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris,
F. COCHINARD, Acting Manager.

For the National Bank of India (Limited),
W. A. BAKER, Manager.

For the Agra Bank (Limited),
C. HUTTON, Manager.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
G. E. NOBLE, Agent.

Bombay, 30th July, 1881.

MADON'S COD-LIVER-OIL EMULSION

WITH LACTO-PHOSPHATE OF LIME.
USED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL FACULTIES.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., is a known specific remedy for Wasting Diseases arising through any cause.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., has been used with great success in cases of Defective Assimilation, Cough, and Consumption.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., is employed in various forms of Dyspepsia, but chiefly in those presumed to depend upon the Debility of the Stomach, and other diseases caused through Defective Nutrition.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., never fails to cure Rickets in Children.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., is entirely free from the disgusting smell and taste of Codliver-oil, is miscible in water, milk, or coffee.

MADON'S CODLIVER-OIL EMULSION, &c., is taken readily by children and females and delicate patients without the least repugnance.

☞ Please ask for Madon's Codliver-Oil Emulsion, &c., only, and beware of other preparations, which are not genuine.

Re. 1 per bottle.

B. S. MADON & CO.,
12, MEDOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

SPECIAL USEFUL REMEDIES.

NUTRITIVE ESSENCE OF MEAT WITH CINCHONINE AND IRON. An excellent Nerve Tonic and Strengthening Medicine..... Rs. 1-4 and Rs. 2

COD-LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHATE OF LIME. Recommended for the Diseases of the Chest and Lungs ..... Rs. 1-0

COD-LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH PHOSPHATES OF IRON, QUININE AND STRYCHNIA used with great success in general weakness, slow Fever, Enlarged Spleen, &c. ..... Rs. 1-4

MADON'S SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITE OF LIME, A remedy against Cough, Cold, Phtysis and Consumption ..... Rs. 1-0

COMPOUND FLUID EXTRACT OR ESSENCE OF RED JAMAICA SARSAPARILLA cures obstinate Skin Diseases, Rheumatic Pains, and Purifies Blood ..... Rs. 2-0 and Rs. 3-8

NUTRITIVE FLUID EXTRACT OF MEAT AND MUTTON. Highly Nutritive and Sustaining in all cases of Prostration and Exhaustion.

Extract of Meat	As. 12 and Rs. 1-4
„ Mutton	Rs. 1 and Rs. 1-12

NUTRITIVE EXTRACT OF CHICKEN made entirely from the Flesh and Bones of the Domestic Fowls, Rs. 2-0.

B. S. MADON & CO.,
MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS.
12, MEDOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

WHISKY.

IN the "EDINA BLEND" Messrs. J. and W. HARDIE have realized the ideal of the Connoisseur. Another shipment of rare excellence has just been received.

Per dozen Rs. 24.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY.

SPARKLING VIVONE.
(REGISTERED.)

THE Amenities of State and Private Receptions, Marriage and Nautch Parties, occasions of Intercourse between Castes or Classes, and Social Assemblies generally are much promoted by the expanding and genial influence of this seductive drink.

In Gold Foil Pints.

Dozen Rs. 3. Two Dozen with Case Rs. 6-8.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY

STANDARD
AERATED WATERS.

D. S. KEMP & Co. are now able to turn out these Beverages in a state of perfection which CANNOT BE EXCELLED.

Their new Factory, of which inspection is invited, embraces Filtering Arrangements which are absolutely Perfect, a thorough treatment with Charcoal depriving the filtered water of

ALBUMENOID NITROGEN

and all other unwholesome impurities. The whole being open as day to light and ventilation.

D. S. KEMP & Co. invite comparison of the following Waters with those of any other Maker whatever :—

	Per doz.
Soda Water (5 grains Bicarbonate per bottle)	Rs. 0 12
Aerated Water	„ 0 12
Tonic Water (Quinine & Bigarade Orange Blossom)	„ 1 0
Aromatic Ginger Ale (incomparable)	„ 1 8
Lemonade	„ 1 0
Gingerade	„ 1 0
Potash Water (British Pharmacopœa)	0 12
Medicinal Soda Water (British Pharmacopœa)	„ 1 0
Lithia Water (British Pharmacopœa)	„ 1 8
Seltzer Water	„ 1 0
Bottles charged extra	„ 2 0

Preserve the pungency by opening gently and decanting on Ice.

D. S. KEMP & Co.,
SASSOON HOUSE, BOMBAY.

TREACHER AND COMPANY'S EXHILARATING STILL HOCKS.

Cash. per dozen. Quarts. Rs. as.			Cash. per dozen. Pints Rs. as.
42 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ...Johannisberg ...	23 0
	The perfection of Hocks, highly aromatic flavour and deliciously soft to the taste.		
36 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ...Liebfraumilch ...	19 0
	A very fine full-bodied wine, rich in character and flavour.		
27 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ...Nierstein ...	14 8
	Very soft and good bouquet.		
25 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ...Hochheimer ...	13 8
	A very agreeable dinner wine, soft, delicate, and fine.		
24 8	Still...	... HOCK ... ...Steinwein	
	Of great fragrance, pure and natural.		
21 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ... Geisenheim ...	11 8
	Good flavour and body, can be well recommended.		
19 0	Still...	... HOCK ... ... Laubenheim ...	10 8
	A light dinner wine, sound, and adapted for general use.		

TREACHER & COMPANY, Ld.,
WINE MERCHANTS,
BOMBAY, BYCULLA, AND POONA.

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SURVEYING AND MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

THACKER & Co. (Limited), import Surveying and Mathematical Instruments only from well-known makers, principally TROUGHTON and SIMMS, ELLIOTT BROS., and W. F. STANLEY, as it is the experience of the Management that the guarantee of perfection and accuracy afforded by such names as the above is highly esteemed by the Profession, although Instruments by unknown makers may be procured at a slightly cheaper rate.

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Moist do. in pans.
Slow drying do. in tubes.
Oil Colours in tubes.
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Oil Colour Boxes.
Illuminating Colour Boxes.

Camel Hair Pencils.
Siberian do.
Sable do.
Hog Hair Tools or Oils.
Sable ditto.
Varnishes, Oils, &c.
Drawing Papers.
Oil Sketching Paper.
Prepared Canvas.
Do. Millboards.

Mahl Sticks.
Palettes, Slabs, &c.
Palette Knives.
Dippers, &c.
Bristol Boards.
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Bombay, 2nd August, 1881.

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3rd August, 1881.

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NOTICES.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HOLTA TEA COMPANY, Limited.

THE SEVENTEENTH HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the HOLTA TEA COMPANY, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 11, Hastings Street, Calcutta, on THURSDAY, the 1st September, 1881, at 4 p.m., to receive the Directors Report, declare a dividend, and transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board,
GRINDLAY & Co., Secretaries.

Calcutta, July, 1881.

NOTICE.

ALL the CUSTOMERS and CONSTITUENTS of the undersigned are hereby requested not to deliver Goods or pay Money due to us to any one save and except to Mr. Merwanjee Muncherjee Mody and Mr. Bomanjee Muncherjee Mody, or either of them.

M. M. MODY & Co.

Bombay, 25th July, 1881.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1, Forbes Street, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 12th day of August, instant, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes, viz. :—

1. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1881, and the Directors' Report for the same period.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those retiring, but who are eligible for re-election.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2.

OWING to the bank holiday in London yesterday, the only public telegram to hand to-day is the New York message of yesterday, which quotes ready Mid.-Uplands at 12⅛ cents., an advance of ⅛, November shipment at 10·52, as against Saturday's quotation of 10·53 cents. per lb. for October. The receipts at the ports give the following comparisons :—

	1881.	1880.	1879.
Two days' Receipts	4,000	1,500	300
Three days' do.	6,000	2,200	1,100
Total since 1st Sept....	5,699,000	4,900,000	4,429,000

EXCHANGE opened quiet but firm at yesterday's closing rates, but after receipt of the Calcutta messages an advance of 1-32d. was established. The extent of business done throughout the day has been insignificant, nor can we look for any great increase at the moment ; but it is very noticeable that any movement from the level which we have lately had has always been upwards. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	..1s. 7 ⅜d.	per rupee.
Do. telegraphic	..1s. 7 9-16d.	,,
Do. 3 months' sight	..1s. 7 23-32d.	,,
Credits, 3 ,, ,,	..1s. 7 13-16 to 27-32d.	,,
Documents, 3 ,, ,,	..1s. 7 27-32 to ⅞d.	,,
France, 3 ,, ,, ..	2·09½.	,,

On Calcutta there is no quotable change.

GOVERNMENT PAPER to-day has ruled very steady at yesterday's quotations, say Rs. 104⅜ for Fours and Rs. 113½ for Fours-and-a-half. In the face of the somewhat doubtful political telegrams regarding Afghanistan affairs, this may be taken as evidence of considerable strength, as there can be no gainsaying the fact that any prospect of a resumption of hostilities over the frontier, in which India might be involved, would place the credit of the country considerably lower than it has latterly occupied. The contingency is no doubt remote, still it to a certain extent exists.

SHARES to-day have been quiet and tending easier. Banks are unchanged, as also Land Companies. In Press shares there is a decline of Rs. 2 in Broach Cotton, Rs. 5 in Berar, and Rs. 12½ in Colaba. Spinning and Weaving Mill shares are generally Rs. 5 lower all round, with more sellers than buyers. Bombay Saw Mills are again Rs. 5 lower at Rs. 585. Gold Mining Companies find sellers but no buyers.

COTTON is firm at unaltered prices, but we have not heard of any business whatever for export.

SEEDS and WHEAT have undergone no quotable change.

FREIGHTS are firm. For ready shipment to Liverpool 40s. continues the quotation, and for the Mediterranean ports 35s. per ton, payable here. For future loading a fair demand exists for steamers, and several characters are reported to have been put through within the past day or two at 36s. 3d., with concessions and commission, for United Kingdom, Continent, and Mediterranean.

PIECE-GOODS are in no way altered. On the spot the demand is slack to a degree, and for distant delivery values here do not admit of business at Manchester quotations.

COALS are quiet. The sale of a steamer cargo of Cardiff, July shipment, is reported at Rs. 14-12 per ton alongside.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Scotsman, 1,000 tons, Captain C. H. Raguart, sailed yesterday for Batavia, in ballast.

THE barque Nesutan, 934 tons, Captain J. F. Frendt, will sail to-day for Moulmein, in ballast.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Pachamba, 544 tons, Captain G. Phipps, sailed yesterday for Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and seven deck passengers.

THE steamer Darien, 1,679 tons, Captain J. R. Inch, arrived in harbour yesterday from Tyne (5th July), with a cargo of 2,991 tons coal. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Coconada, 547 tons, Captain O. R. Mitchell, arrived in harbour on the 1st instant from Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Lieut. W. G. Ley, Mr. P. H. Creswell, Mr. T. Parson, Capt. Gassiar, Mr. G. Vithul, Mr. A. Prinavanesi, and 34 deck.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander	From
1	Lombardy (s)	Chapman	Venice, July 8.
	Coconada (s)....	Mitchell	Bussorah, July 20.
2	Galatea (s).....	Parson	London, June 30.
	Darien(s).....	Inch	Tyne, July 5.

DEPARTURES.

Aug.	Vessel.	Commander	Destinations.
2	St. Helens	Wood	Mauritius.
	Malta	Moulton	Akyab.
	Colaba (s)	Henderson ..	Rangoon.
	Pachamba (s)	Phipps	P. G. via Kurrachee.
	Deccan (s)	Andrews	Southampton.
	Scotsman (s)	Raguart	Batavia.

The barque Nesutan Frendt, to Moulmein, obtain her port clearance yesterday.

The Ship Ivanhoe, to Europe, was entered for loading yesterday.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—JULY 31.

MacTier, Major, 33rd Bengal N. I., on leave, from Barrackpore.

JULY 31.

Prendergast, Col., 2nd Madras Cavalry, on leave, from Australia.
Westropp, Lieut.-Col., Political Department, on, leave, from Poona.
Westropp, Lieut., Staff Corps, on duty, from Poona

AUGUST 1.

Birdwood, Lieut., 3rd Bombay N. L. I., on leave, from Belgaum.
Parker, Surg., on leave, from Poona.
Ferguson, Surg. on duty, from Tanna.
White, Captain, Bengal staff, from leave, from England.
Macgregor, Lieut.-Col., 1st. Btn. The Royal Irish, from leave, from England.
Gamleier, Lieut.-Col., R. E., from leave, from England.
Spencer, Capt., 35th Bengal N. I., on leave, from Allahabad.
Footner, Surg.-Major, from leave, from England.
Sandeman, Capt. 78th Highlanders, from leave, from England.
Addington, 2nd Lieut., 61st Regt., on leave, from Madras.
Auchinleck, Lieut.-Col., R. H. A., from leave, from England.

AUGUST 2.

McCudden, Captain, 10th Bombay N. L. I., on leave from Surat.

DEPARTURES.—AUGUST 1.

Smart, Lieut., R. H. A., on leave, to England.

AUGUST 2nd.

Call, Bt. Major, R. E., on leave, to England.
Maunsell, Genl., R. E., on duty, to Simla.
Fandy, Major, 8th Bombay N. I., on leave, to England.
Plomer, Col., 17th Bombay N. I., on leave, to England.
MacTier, Major, 33rd Bengal N. I., on leave, to England.
Prendergast, Col., 2nd Madras Cavalry, to join, to Kamptee.
Birdwood, Lieut., 3rd Bombay N. L. I., on leave, to England.
Parker, Surg., on leave, to England.
Brown, Capt. R. A., on duty, to England.
McCudden, Captain, 10th Bombay N. I., on leave, to England.
MacGregor, Lieut. Col., 1st Bn. The Royal Irish, on duty, to Murree.
White, Capt. Bengal Staff, on duty, to Allahabad.
Ley, Lieut., 98th (P. of W.) Regt., on duty, to England.
Gambier, Lieut.-Col., R. E., on duty, to Belgaum.
Spencer, Capt. 35th Bengal N. I., on leave, to England.
Leslie, Lieut., Staff Corps, on leave to England.
Sandeman, Capt. 78th Highlanders, on leave, to Benares.
Lawson, 2nd Lieut., 61st Regt. on leave, to England.
Cottrell-Dormer, 2nd Lieut., 13th Hussars, on leave, to England.
Auchinleck, Lieut.-Col., R. H. A., from leave, to Secundrabad.
Auchinleck, Captain, R. A., on leave, to Poona.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS

BY LIEUT.-COL. COMMANDANT W. S. HEWETT.

Bombay, August 2, 1881.

I. There will be Squad Drill at the Town Hall, this Wednesday evening, the 3rd Inst. at 9 o'clock. The manual, firing, and bayonet exercises will be practiced. The arms and accoutrements can be obtained at Head Quarters.

By order, A. W. PROUDFOOT,
Lieut. and Adjt., B. V. R. C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, July 30.)

C. I. Wills, Asst. Medical Supdt. has been [illegible] the Director, Persian Telegraph, for two years with effect from 7th April.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head-Quarters, Simla, July 28.

The C-in-Chief in India is pleased to make the following appointments :—

1st. Battalion Cumberland Regiment.—Capt. (local Major) H. R. Treeve to be Interpretor, there being no fully qualified subaltern available, vice 2nd Lieut. Eardley-Wilmot. Dated 26th June.

42nd Pioneers—Lieut. W. L. Boswell, 1st Batn. Essex Regt. (late 44th Foot), a candidate for the Bl. S. C. to be Offg. Wing Officer on probation Dated 7th July.

Capt. R. H. W. Plunkett, R. H. A., is directed to proceed from Meean Meer to Lucknow and join C. Batty. C. Bdge. to which he has been appointed.

Lieut. Col. F. M. Armstrong, 45th N. I., is granted an extension of privilege leave from the 17th to the 27th July.

With the sanction of Govt., the following orders are confirmed :—

Lahore Division order, dated 24th April directing Bgdr.-Genl. R. Blair, Bl. Infy., Comdg. Mooltan Bgde., to assume command of the division pending arrival of Bgdr-General. A. H. Cobbe, C. B., vice Bgdr.-Genl. J. I. Murray, proceeded to resume command of the Rohilcund district.

Agra Brigade after order, dated 22nd June, directing Col. J. J. H. Gordon, C.B., 20th Punjab N. I. who reported his arrival on the above date, to assume command of the brigade.

Dated 25th June, appointing Col. T. Rowland, 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, to command the brigade, vice Col. J. J. H. Gordon, C. B., proceeded on furlough.

Quetta Division order, dated 25th June, appointing Lieut. G. B. Austin, 3rd Bl. N. I., as 3rd class Station Staff Officer at Chaman, with effect from 29th April.

Dated 1st July appointing Col. R. Mallaby, Comdg. 15th Bo. N. I., to officiate as Bgdr.-Genl. of the infantry brigade at Quetta, from 27th June pending the arrival of a successor to the late Bgdr.-Genl. J. H. Henderson.

The following order is confirmed :—

1st Battalion Manchester Regiment (late 63rd Foot).—Regtl. order, dated 2nd July re-constructing the committee of paymastership as under, consequent on the departure on leave of Capt. H. R. Cook :—

PRESIDENT.

Capt. W. L. Gronow.

MEMBERS.

Capt. and Bt. Major H. F. Jackson.
Lieut. and Adjt. H. S. Smith.

THE NAVY.

(*London Gazette.*)

ADMIRALTY, 12th July, 1881.

The undermentioned officers, having attained 15 years' seniority as commdrs, have been authorised to assume the rank and title of retired captain from the dates stated against their names, viz :—Commander A R Blane, 26th July 1881, J A Forbes, 5th July 1881, H J Hodgson, 5th July 1881, B J Cooper, 5th July 1881.

In accordance with the provisions of H M's Order in Council of the 30th April, 1877—Engr H White (a) has been placed on the Retired List of his rank from the 7th inst.

ADMIRALTY, 13th July, 1881.

Staff Surg M Magill, M. D., has been promoted to the rank of Fleet Surgn in H M's Fleet, with seniority of 23rd June, 1881.

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AT their ordinary monthly meeting on the 26th instant, the SYNDICATE will proceed to make appointments to the various UNIVERSITY EXAMINERSHIPS for the current year, when they will be glad to consider any applications that may have been forwarded to the undersigned on or before the 19th instant. Particulars with regard to the Examinerships may be obtained by application to this office.

PETER PETERSON,
University Registrar.

[University Library, 1st August, 1881.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

GOLDNEY—July 14th, at Dibrugarh, Assam, the wife of Lieutenant F. C. N. Goldney, Adjutant, 43rd Assam Light Infantry, of a son.

DEATH.

ABBOTT—July 20th, at Jhalna Patan, Henry John Buyers, the infant son of Major and Mrs. H. B. Abbott, aged 9½ months.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENT.

"A PASSENGER."—You had perhaps better write to the Agent or Traffic Manager.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1881.

AYOUB KHAN has met with no opposition, and is now in undisputed possession of Southern Afghanistan. He entered Kandahar on the 30th ult. His infantry and guns are in the Citadel. His success, when we remember that about this time last year he was in full flight from General Roberts, and that since we have heard of nothing but rumours of the dissensions in Herat, against which he was suppose to be making head with great difficulty, is certainly one of the most unexpected changes of fortune in the annals even of Eastern warfare. We shall doubtless know in a day or two whether he proposes to shape his future course in open defiance or neglect of the rulers of India, or whether he is anxious to court our neutrality, if not alliance.

IT is announced from London that the Indian Government "intend to assist the Amir Abdul Rahman, but have not proposed to employ Anglo-Indian troops for the purpose." If there had been an army at Pishin, then, "ready to move westward," it would have remained without its marching orders : and the battery of artillery which an enthusiastic contemporary declared to be on the point of starting, all by itself, "for Afghanistan," will remain where it is. We do not gather from the telegram that the home authorities are entirely at their ease with regard to what the Indian Government "intend to do" in the way of assisting Abdul Rahman. And any hesitation they may feel is reasonable enough. There is really no difference in kind, though there may be a great deal in degree between employing Anglo-Indian troops to help the Amir and doing what we are now told it is the intention of the Indian Government to do. We might feel tolerably secure that our men would not pass over to Ayoub's standards, as our rupees (five lakhs of them) have to his coffers. But as regards the principle of the thing, there is no very apparent reason why we should not assist with men a Prince whom we intend to assist with money. But nothing can be more certain than that any such proposal as that which the Marquis of Hartington noted that the Indian Government did not make, of employing Anglo-Indian troops to assist the Amir, would at once have been disallowed at home. We suspect that the real reason for a distinction which has no logical foundation will be found in engagements entered into with the Amir which it is out of the question now to repudiate. In the offer of money we have the last heritage of the past : in the refusal to let a single Indian soldier fire his musket in a quarrel that in no way concerns us we have the recoguition of the present.

We deprecate the step which is about to be taken, though we shall not deny that there may be circumstances—unknown to us—which render it unavoidable. But that reserve need not prevent us expressing our astonishment at the view of the nature of the crisis taken, for example, by the *Englishman*, which would have us regard the struggle between Abdul Rahman and Ayoub as a fight between a natural enemy of our own and an equally natural friend. In political gratitude Englishmen are more exacting than any other people, and demand a great deal more than they would in any circumstances give. It is absurd to suppose that Abdul Rahman neither ought to, nor will, turn against us because we, for our own purposes, helped him to the throne at Kabul, and just as absurd to suppose that it would be impossible to tolerate Ayoub—a soldier who has beaten us, and whom we have beaten—as ruler of Kabul. We are interested in the restoration of peace and order to Afghanistan. And we shall not complain if Government—bound, perhaps, by a positive pledge—do what they can to strengthen the hands of one of the contending parties. But apart from that consideration, Abdul Rahman is no more a natural friend of England than is Ayoub Khan a natural foe.

THE phrase "the Arab policy of France" is commencing to be used in discussions of the state of Europe and the East in a sense far wider than would have been suggested, or even understood, five years ago. Ever since the annexation of Algeria French Governments have, indeed, been obliged to have an Arab policy, and that policy consisted for the most part in the crude and simple application to the rights and possessions of the native inhabitants of the ancient Barbary State of those same maxims of strong-handed robbery which decided the action of the Salee rovers towards the peaceful merchants of the Mediterranean. The law of the strongest, in all its directness, was the law of the French conquerors of Algeria. At times, especially under the Third Empire, an attempt was made, not altogether unsuccessfully, to place the relations of Franks and Moslems on a better footing, and it seemed for a while as if Napoleon III. had really taken the place of a sort of Sultan among many of the Arab chiefs. The exploits of the Algerian native soldiery, Zouaves, Spahis, and Turcos, in the wars of the Third Empire also contributed to introduce a certain harmony into the working of French rule among the kinsmen of those redoubtable warriors. While there remains as much as ever, as recent events have testified, the necessity for France to look sharply after her Arab policy in Algeria, an "Arab policy" of a more serious order, directly challenging the notice of European diplomacy, has also come into existence. A writer in the *Journal des Débats*, the other day, has expressed the fundamental idea of this new departure in the Oriental ambition of France, in language which more than lifts a corner of the veil that has been allowed to cover certain inclinations of the new Republic. "It is an opinion generally spread among us"—the writer dates his letter from Baalbec—"that in the work of civilisation which the Powers share among themselves in the East the Arab countries are the destined portion of France. France is in effect of all the nations of Europe the one which possesses the greatest number of Arab subjects. England, Russia, Holland may possess as many Mahomedans under their domination, but France bears away the supremacy from all of them as an Arab Power." It will be admitted that the practical annexation of Tunis, the pretensions to supervise the population of Tripoli, the well-known interest taken by French politicians in Egypt, and the old hankerings after Syria appear to fall in very aptly with this sketch of the Oriental cupidities of France. "Arab policy" takes a profound significance when thus described as the Arab policy of such enterprising citizens as M. Gambetta and his colleagues have shown themselves to be. While all the world has been watching the advances of Russia along the horizon of the north, and has been speculating upon the time which will still be necessary, on the most likely computations, before the Government of St. Petersburg can effectively emerge from the regions of snow and steppe, it would seem as if of a sudden everybody woke up to the knowledge that another aggressive Power, infinitely better fitted in many respects for the work of aggression, was possibly already in a position to absorb provinces and engulf districts and principalities in the most coveted regions of the earth, and along the highways and communications which are essential to the security of the greatest and richest of contemporary mercantile States and Empires.

The manner in which Europe seems to have realised the new and astonishing fact has been curious to a degree, and may have appeared intensely amusing to such disinterested spectators as the inhabitants of Washington and Rio Janeiro. There was an air of abruptly wakening up as if from slumber ; a puzzled rubbing of eyes and blinking of eyelids ; a confused casting of glances, at first merely interrogatory, then amazed or stupefied, and gradually alarmed and even frightened. We have seen influential journals in many languages which, within a month, passed from the extreme of incredulity as to the designs of France to the extreme of readiness to believe any and every report of French ambition. The wonder has come to be, not that France should aim at playing a part for which her situation, tastes, and resources naturally fit her, but that every body did not suspect long ago that a time must arrive when France would again turn to the Orient as she did in the Crusades, as she did under the great Corsican, and, leaning on her still mighty sword, project a vast and threatening gesture towards the spell-bound regions of the Ptolemies and Saladin. It would almost seem as if France has been missing her destiny during all the generations in which she was engaged in forcing herself into northern climates unsuited to her sunny genius, and expending upon bootless struggles with stern Teutons, on guard over their native lair, the energies and the versatility which should have been reaping rich harvests of wealth and glory in the kingdoms of the sun.

Then Prince Bismarck must have been "squared." So says universal rumour. So repeat the calculated indiscretions of semi-official hint-droppers, and the inspired suggestions of persons who have notoriously the ear of great personages. Of course Bismarck has been "squared," if, indeed, it was not Bismarck who "squared" the French politicians. "Why should France and Germany be eternally enemies, when the world is wide enough for both ? Why should we be eternally on guard, with weapons pointed at each other's throat, over a little Alsace-Lorraine, when Germany would only be too glad to see the dominion of France rounded off and amplified by the acquisitions of lands more than equal to fifty Alsaces and fifty Lorraines ? At least, can we not accord one another a breathing time ? Let the question of Alsace-Lorraine stand for a decade or two, while we see how the world will prosper with us elsewhere in the meantime. Perhaps Germany may crave a restoration of her ancient bounds upon the Baltic and the German Ocean. Germany will see without displeasure the Mediterranean converted into that French lake which was the dream of past generations of Frenchmen, and will experience nothing but satisfaction if France re-establishes in her own name the ancient supremacy of the Latin race over the long-lost lands which were once the granaries of Rome." In this tone German journals have not ceased to write, and Prince Bismarck's warm approval of the French advance in Tunis was quite in conformity with all these suggestions and prospectives. It is the turn of French journals now to dwell upon the seductive theme. The *Journal des Débats*, the *Republique Française*, the *Temps*, the *Paix*, the organs alike of M. Gambetta and M. Grévy, recount the advantages which should secure the future in the Mediterranean and Levant to the genius of France. England can no longer afford to be ambitious. The Turkish Empire is doomed ; French land forces will soon command the valley of the Nile ; and French Railways will soon abridge the distance between Tripoli and Damascus. The bribe of Armenia will conciliate Russia. Live the Arab policy of France !

THE question of the neutrality of the Panama Canal has certainly been raised in European diplomatic circles, but as M. de Lesseps is unable to promise its completion sooner than 1888, the statesmen of Europe, over-burdened as they are by a hundred pressing demands, seem inclined to let the matter rest for a while at least. The Government of the United States is in no such need of holding its hand, and the Foreign Office at Washington has set to work in a very earnest manner, and in one that can hardly be satisfactory to any Power in the Old World. It has put in a claim to the undivided government of the canal in a way which renders neutrality impossible. The *Diario di Cun Linamarca* publishes the following as the text of the protocol laid before the Government of Colombia by the American representative at Bogota. We give it in full, italicising the provision which England at least should not allow to become a portion of any future treaty :—"The ships of war and military convoys of the United States may in peace or war pass free through the canal without payment of tolls. By common consent both Governments will select, in territory of the isthmus, places appropriate for forts, arsenals, coaling depôts, and naval store-houses. In time of peace there shall be no American military force on the isthmus beyond that indispensable for the repair and preservation of such forts, arsenals, &c. In case the neutrality of the canal should be threatened, the United States are authorised to take military occupation of the isthmus, and Colombia will be obliged to co-operate. *The ships of war and military expeditions of all other nations, except the United States, will have no right to pass through the canal in time of peace.* Nevertheless, the two nations may, by a mutual understanding, permit the innocent use of the highway to such ships and expeditions. Colombia undertakes to enter into no negotiations concerning the canal, or to alter the rules and regulations governing it, without previous accord with the United States." By the terms of this arrangement the independence of Colombia is placed on a level very nearly approaching that to which France has reduced Tunis. The line of the canal and all points commanding it are to be held by forts garrisoned by American troops, whilst in time of war this military force can be increased to any extent it may seem good to the Government at Washington. More than this, if at any time the latter Power thinks that its omnipotence on the canal is likely to be called in question, it can draft, even during peace, any number of troops it pleases into Colombia. It is interesting to observe that this aggressive rejection of all but American influence is called "the neutrality of the canal." The passage in which the ships of war of all nations, except the United States, are excluded at all times speaks for itself, unless we have confidence in our being able to satisfy the condition of proving to the Cabinet at the White House that our intentions are "innocent."

It is some comfort to know that, in the words of the *Panama Star and Herald*, "the protocol has been disapproved by the Colombian Senate. Mr. Deichman, United States Minister to Colombia and author of the protocol, is furious. The Government, the Senate, the press, and the people have unanimously denounced the protocol." The Colombian protest is rigourously supported by the President of the State, Senor Nunez, who recently telegraphed to the President of the petty neighbouring State of Cauca "Colombians never had greater need for union than at the present moment." He adds : "the President of the United States insists on his views concerning the Panama Canal," from which we may judge that the discussion of the question has gone very much further than was supposed. Indeed, there is little doubt but that unless the European Powers—and firstly England—resolutely interfere, the resistance of the Central American States will not count for very much. It is evident from the language of the New York press that nothing will satisfy the people of the Republic but an undisturbed sovereignty at the isthmus. The *New York Herald* of 10th June is particularly outspoken, and its language deserves attention. "Despatches from Vienna," it writes, "state that in view of the probable success of the Panama Canal, the European Powers are endeavouring to come to an understanding to secure the neutrality of the canal after it shall have been finished. If this report be true, the European Powers are exceeding the limits of their authority. The people of the United States care very little about who builds the canal, provided the shares are put upon the market in an honest manner. There will be no objection made to European capital and enterprise in this direction, as long as the undertaking is not made exclusively European. But as soon as the canal is finished it would be presumptuous on the part of the European Powers to say how the canal should be worked. The Isthmus of Panama, Central America, and Mexico constitute a direct continental neighbourhood of the United States frontiers. Virtually, and by the nature of their situation, these countries form too much a part of our territory to permit the occupation or administration of them by foreigners. For the Suez Canal the case was different. Egypt, being too feeble to assert her rights, was victimised by the nations interested. *We, on the contrary, are perfectly able to maintain our position, and we cannot enter into any treaty of neutrality*, as is proposed by the European Powers. In the case of a war between the United States and a foreign Power the Panama Canal would be the key to our southern frontiers, and we could not confide it to the hands of any other nation." It would be unjust to deny that there is much reason and justice in the concluding sentence of this passage. Englishmen recognize as well as claim the right of nations to take a special interest in the concerns of neighbouring territories, and the United States might demand a large, perhaps a predominant, share in the management and supervision of the Panama Canal; but it is pure lust of dominion, such as France has so recently given an example of, that refuses a just measure of coparceny to other interested Powers. We have asked no more in the case of the Suez Canal, although our most vital interests as a great Empire depend on our having and holding a strong position in Egypt. Such a position the European nations can and will yield to the United States ; but considering the great interests England has in India, and France in China, the two great naval Powers would fail in their duty to themselves if they silently accept the extravagances of the proposed Colombian treaty.

LORD CARLINGFORD moved the second reading of the Irish Land Bill in the House of Lords on Monday evening, and an animated discussion, we are told, took place, which, however, does not seem to have lasted long, if we are to understand that Lord Salisbury spoke in his natural place in the debate. The leader of the Opposition is said to have "admitted the necessity of the Bill," but to have "insisted upon radical amendments being introduced." If the leader of the Opposition were any body but Lord Salisbury, such a declaration would undoubtedly be a bad omen for the final success of the Bill. Mr. Gladstone will undoubtedly be as indisposed to accept radical amendments to his Bill from the Lords as he has been to allow it to be "improved" past recognition in the Commons. For no one who has watched the progress of the Bill will accept the statement that if it has passed the Lower House it has done so because the Opposition have been allowed to "leave their stamp upon it." But the leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords is—Lord Salisbury. It is possible, then, that he may unsay to-morrow what he says to-day ; possible, too, that by radical amendments he means amendments which are not radical ; possible, lastly, that, if he does mean what he says, and sticks to it, he may find himself deserted by those whom he is supposed to lead. So that we need not give up hope yet.

TO-DAY is to witness an assault on the House of Commons which, however distressing, can hardly be said to be unprovoked. Mr. Bradlaugh is to present himself at the table and again demand to be allowed to take the oath. Under the instructions which the Speaker has issued for securing effect to the instruction of the House that Mr. Bradlaugh shall not be allowed within "the precincts of the House," it is probable that the late member for Northampton will not get so far as the table : but his real object probably includes an intention to raise an action against those who wrongfully, as he thinks, impede his progress. It will be a relief to have the question as to whether his exclusion is legal argued in the law-courts : but we think it is much to be regretted that the general question has not been settled by an Act : after which Mr. Bradlaugh might have been left to sink or swim, according to his merits, as far as the great mass of Englishmen are concerned.

A CORRESPONDENT writing from London by the last mail, says :—The next serious political move is peasant suffrage both in Ireland and England, the ostensible object being the emancipation of the poor swineherd, who has been waiting ever since the Norman conquest for his chance. We are manifestly going down a rather steep incline, and shall, I suppose, find ourselves in the end in a very happy valley indeed, or else over a precipice. Which ? I don't know, nor does anybody that one meets ; but as the descent towards pure democracy is inevitable, it is the part of wise men, I presume, to acquiesce in it. Shrieking at all events can do no good. The poor *St. James' Gazette* is really a deplorable spectacle, always between a shriek and a tear. But I confess my heart has sometimes misgivings in which my head sympathises. *Où allons nous ?*

OUR Aden correspondent writes, July 26 :—The enquiry into the massacre of the Italian party still continues at Beilool, and is conducted by Ibrahim Pasha on behalf of Egypt, Captain Hulton, of the Dragon, representing England, and Captain Frigiero, Italy. H. R. H. the Duke of Genoa is also at Assab, on his way home to Europe after a two years' trip round the world. Two hundred Egyptian troops and two guns have been landed in the neighbourhood of Beilool. H. M. S. Arab has also left Aden for that port. Major Hunter has been appointed Her Majesty's Consul on the Somali Coast, and Captain Moncrieff, R. N., has succeeded Mr. Zohrab at the Jeddah Consulate.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JULY 15.

THIS week should be notable in our history as marking the close of the era of conciliation for Irish malcontents, and the complete disenchantment of Mr. Gladstone from his confident expectation that his Land Bill would really win for him the gratitude and good will of the Irish party. The Prime Minister seems to have sincerely believed that his concession about arrears would convince Irish members he had done everything for them that any Minister could do, and far more than it would have been possible for any other Minister but himself even to attempt to get sanctioned by the House of Commons ; but to his amazement and indignation he has since found out that "the more the scope of the Bill is extended, the greater become the demands" of the men who call themselves the representatives of the Irish people. These gentlemen coolly asked that funds should be supplied by British taxpayers to purchase uncultivated lands in Ireland and allot them to suitable tenants ; and this application having been refused, they have turned their attention to the emigration clause, which they declare to be an insult to their constituents. The more unscrupulous of Mr. Parnell's followers, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Healy, and Mr. Biggar, resumed yesterday the tactics of obstruction to defeat this clause, till Mr. Gladstone could contain himself no longer. With all that vehemence of language which he has always at command, he denounced the handful of members who systematically perverted the rules of the House "for the sake of intercepting, by mere persistence, and by words multiplied without a thought, without an attempt at permission," the deliberate convictions, repeatedly affirmed, of an overwhelming majority of members on both sides of the House. With pathetic dignity he described the pain with which he had witnessed the degradation of that noble assembly, and he fiercely maintained that the Parnellites had only had recourse once more to obstruction because they had "miserably failed" in their attempts to make the Bill unpopular in Ireland. I do not think, however, that this explanation of the motives by which Mr. Parnell and his colleagues are actuated is correct. The news from Ireland does not satisfy me that the Home Rulers have ceased to have the public opinion of that country, such as it is, on their side ; and the shameful conduct of the juries at Tralee this week in acquitting prisoners whose complicity in outrages was undoubted, shows that the sentiment of the Irish people is still enlisted on the side of the breakers of the law. The Irish Land Bill will, no doubt, please the more respectable tenants, and it will certainly put an end to the inclination of many tenant farmers in Ulster to join the Home Rulers ; but the bulk of Mr. Parnell's following are in such a hopeless condition of poverty that anything short of the expropriation of landlords and a general redistribution of property in Ireland would fail to satisfy them. They consequently look upon the Land Bill as granting only a morsel of their demands. They will take what the Bill gives of course, and they do not want to have the measure thrown out ; but they consider that it is practically safe, and that no harm can be done by persistent opposition to the emigration clause, the object of which is to thin their ranks, whereas their desire is to stay where they are, waiting for something more to turn up. As for the use of menaces to extract further concessions from the Government, it may fairly be said to Mr. Gladstone, *Tu l'as voulu, Georges Dandin.* The Prime Minister has over and over again referred to the effect of Irish agitation in forcing what are styled Irish wrongs on the notice of the English people ; and the agitators, who know that but for the Land League there would have been no Land Bill at all, may be excused for employing the same means which produced the Bill to make it more to their liking. Mr. Gladstone, however, has at last put his foot down, and, as the emigration clause is regarded by the Conservatives as the most valuable part of the Bill, he will have little difficulty in putting down this last effort at obstruction.

The necessity for emigration from Ireland might be considered proved by the mere fact that such immense crowds of the population have emigrated voluntarily as seriously to reduce the numbers of the inhabitants of the island. But it is quite true, nevertheless, that the ordinary Irish cotter clings to his home, and can be with difficulty persuaded to leave it. And what is the meaning of the word "home" for him ? If you will look at a return in to-day's *Times* showing the number and valuation of agricultural holdings in Ireland, you will see that as many as 218,199 are valued at £4 and under, and 196,934 at over £4 and under £10. We find, therefore, that out of the total number of 660,185 as many as 415,133 are valued at less than £10 a year ! These figures explain at once the real cause of the intense misery that ordinarily prevails among the agricultural population of Ireland. You may fairly assume that no family can live in decency, much less in comfort, on the produce of a piece of ground valued at a lower rental than £10 a yearer. If land yields three profits, the labourer's wages, the farmer's interest on capital invested, and the landlord's rent, the tenant who pays a rent of £10 a year and tills his own farm cannot earn more than £20 a year for himself, or about eight shillings a week ; and there is no other kind of occupation, however mean, in which the labour of himself and the other members of his family would not bring them in at least twice as much as this paltry sum. A gentleman of great experience in agriculture, to whom I was talking on this subject some little time ago, said he thought it a fair estimate that on the whole a man was better off as a day labourer than as the farmer of any smaller piece of ground than 50 acres ; and at the very low price of 5s. an acre a farm of 50 acres should pay a rent of £12-10. It is obvious, therefore, that the majority of Irish tenants cultivate holdings which would not maintain them and their families in a condition superior to that of the labourer even if they lived rent free ; and no reasonable politician can doubt that to clear these people off the land and send them to a country where they can hope to live comfortably would be a great blessing both to them and to Ireland. But they are too slothful and bigoted to say so ; and their chosen representatives encourage them to stay at home in their wretchedness, because they know that without such a tenantry they would have very few clients. They therefore resist even the proposal to make state-aided emigration permissive. The clause, however, will be carried in spite of them, and will, one may hope, prepare the way for a great improvement in the method of emigration to British colonies, and especially to Canada. Thousands of immigrants, on arrival at the Canadian ports, are now snapped up by American agents, who eagerly come forward to provide the strangers with food and shelter, and lend them money to keep them till they settle down ; and so the immigrants are easily persuaded to cross the frontier and find new homes in the States. If any state-aided scheme of emigration to Canada is to prosper, the people must be looked after carefully when they have crossed the Atlantic, and not merely cast ashore to shift for themselves.

Considering the amazing and unprecedented heat of the weather this month, I am surprised that the exasperation of the House of Commons against the Irishmen who threaten to keep it sitting till the end of August is not greater than it is. I am writing just now in a cool room, with the venetian blinds down to exclude the sun and all the doors in the house open to let in what breeze there is ; here the thermometer stands at 85°, an amount of heat that would do no discredit to Bombay. Fancy what a fearful punishment it must be to sit day after day and night after night in such weather, when you are panting for the cooling streams and heather-clad hills of Scotland, and to listen to the vulgar and insolent harangues of such odious Irish members as T. P. O'Connor, Biggar, and Healey. It is fortunate for those men that they have to deal with an assembly of English gentlemen and not with a House of rough democrats, or they might find themselves suddenly seized some fine evening and chucked into the Thames. That would be a very summary method of putting an end to obstruction, and I don't know that any one in this country would regret their fate if they were drowned. A good ducking at all events would do them no harm. Mr. Gladstone, though not yet proposing to take such strong measures, gave the Irish members a strong hint the other evening that the licence of obstruction they now enjoy may be cut down by a measure for cutting down the number of Irish representatives in the House. The census shows that the population of Scotland is now seven-tenths of that of Ireland, while the latter country sends 105 members to Westminster against Scotland's 60. If we take into account, not merely the respective numbers of the population, but the wealth, the intelligence, the loyalty, and the revenue-paying capabilities of the two countries, we cannot resist the conclusion that Scotland ought to be as largely represented as Ireland in the Imperial Parliament. In the same way the inhabitants of London, numbering as they do four-f

TELEGRAMS.

ENTRY OF AYOUB KHAN INTO KANDAHAR.

(FROM THE PRESS COMMISSIONER.)

SIMLA, AUGUST 2.

Ayoub Khan entered Kandahar on the 30th July. His infantry and guns are in the Citadel, and his cavalry in the Cantonment. Before his arrival 19 Farsiwans and Hazaras were murdered in the streets by the Afghan populace. Shamsuddin Khan is reported to have been taken prisoner; but this requires confirmation.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

THE AFGHAN QUESTION.

LONDON, AUGUST 1.

The Marquis of Hartington, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening, said he had reason to believe that the Indian Government intend to assist the Amir Abdul Rahman, but they have not proposed to employ Anglo-Indian troops for the purpose.

THE LAND BILL IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, AUGUST 2.

An animated discussion took place in the House of Lords last night upon Lord Carlingford moving the second reading of the Irish Land Bill. The Marquis of Salisbury recognised the necessity of the Bill, but insisted, however, upon radical amendments being introduced.

THE LAND LEAGUERS.

In the House of Commons a discussion took place relating to the land leaguers at present imprisoned in Ireland. In the course of the discussion Mr. Parnell was suspended from sitting in the House, owing to his offensive defiance of the Speaker.

RUSSIA IN CENTRAL ASIA.

A discussion also took place in the House of Commons respecting Russian aggression in Central Asia. The Marquis of Hartington said that the Government admitted that the integrity and independence of Afghanistan were of vital importance to England, and that they could not allow any foreign interference there. The whole matter, he said, was under the consideration of the Government. His Lordship further stated that the extension of Russian territory in Northern Persia had raised the question of Persian integrity and independence, which, he remarked, could never be a matter of indifference to England.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, AUGUST 2, 4-20. P.M.

Mail-steamer Brindisi, from Bombay, arrived.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

(AUGUST 2.)

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, interrupted beyond Busreh. *Via* Suez, interrupted.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—*Via* Teheran, perfect. *Via* Turkey, interrupted beyond Busreh. *Via* Suez, interrupted.
AMERICA.—*Via* Brest, perfect. *Via* Valentia, perfect. *Via* Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.
CHINA.—*Via* Penang, perfect. *Via* Amoor, perfect.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

MONDAY, NIGHT, AUGUST 1.

At 10 p.m. .. .. 80·5 Farht.

TUESDAY, AUGUST, 2.

At 6 a.m.	79·9
„ 10 a.m.	83·7
„ 2 p.m.	83·7
„ 4 p.m.	79·9

MR. HENRY STEAD, whom, it will be remembered, two Judges of the High Court refused in May last to swear in as a Notary Public, was afterwards sworn in by Mr. Justice West; and we believe Mr. Stead has now received his credentials from the Faculty Office, London, authorising him to practice as a Notary Public at Bombay "and in all other Her Majesty's Foreign Territories, Colonies, and Dominions."

A HORSE FAIR is to be held at Poona in connection with the horse show, commencing on the 27th September next, and will be free and public. Persons requiring covered shelter for their horses should send notice to the Secretary, Poona Horse Show, if possible, before the 20th September. No fee will be charged for accommodation. Persons desiring it will receive the assistance of the committee in procuring grass and grain at reasonable rates. Communications should be addressed to the Superintendent of Police, Poona.

At the High Court yesterday, before Sir Charles Sargent, was commenced the hearing of a complicated case in which Mr. C. A. Turner, the official liquidator of the East India Bank, has preferred several charges of fraud against Mr. Nusserwanjee Ardasir Wadia. With reference to a sale of the assets of the bank in March, 1868, the plaintiff charged that it was a fraud upon the shareholders, and was in reality a contrivance whereby Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey, Kessowjee Naik, and others hoped to escape the payment of large sums of money for which they were liable to the bank. The defendant, as liquidator of the Eastern Financial Association, a concern intimately connected with the East India Bank, was aware of the fraudulent character of the sale, and filed in the High Court certain petitions in his own name, and in the names of others, for the removal of the liquidators. Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey and Byramjee Cursetjee Ghandy, and for impeaching the *bonâ fides* of the sale. He subsequently withdrew from the prosecution of the petition, on receiving from Cassumbhoy a sum of Rs. 26,000 and securities of the value of Rs. 75,000, Cassumbhoy at the same time agreeing not to prosecute a suit he had filed against the defendant to recover from him five lakhs of rupees. The plaintiff submitted that defendant was bound to account for all the moneys and securities he so obtained in fraud of the other shareholders of the bank. The liquidators, Cassumbhoy and Byramjee Cursetjee Ghandy, were subsequently removed by order of the High Court, and the sale of the assets of the bank was declared to be fraudulent and was set aside on a petition presented by Purshotum Vullabdas, in which the defendant had some interest. Dinanath Raghunath Khote and Ardasir Byramjee Kapadia were then appointed official liquidators of the bank; but they were the nominees of the defendant, and were mere puppets in his hands. The new liquidators filed suits against Kessowjee Naik, Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey, and others; the materials and the information being supplied by the defendant, who pulled the strings from behind the liquidators. He afterwards entered into negotiations with Kessowjee Naik for the purpose of making a profit for himself out of the suits and proceedings connected therewith. A compromise was proposed and laid for sanction before the court, under which Cassumbhoy was to pay half a lakh and Kessowjee Naik one lakh of rupees to the bank. The defendant, however, privately received from Kessowjee Naik a lakh of rupees over and above the amount of Rs. 50,000 for which it was proposed to compromise the claim against him, namely, Rs. 50,000 in cash and 100 shares of the Mazagon Company of the then estimated value of Rs. 50,000. The plaintiff charged that this money and these shares were received by the defendant on account of the bank, or under circumstances which rendered it incumbent upon him to make them over to the bank, and which rendered the conduct of the defendant a fraud upon the other shareholders. The claims against Kessowjee Naik and Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey were subsequently compromised with the sanction of the court for one lakh of rupees cash; but the defendant concealed the fact that he had received the Rs. 50,000 and the 100 shares, or otherwise the compromise would not have been carried out. In a case of libel brought by defendant against Nusserwanjee Merwanjee and Dorabjee Framjee Panday, which was tried at the Criminal Sessions of April, 1879, the defendant admitted that he had received Rs. 50,000 from Kessowjee Naik to buy off his opposition to the compromise above referred to, and that out of that sum he had to pay other shareholders, among others Rs. 17,000 to Govindrao Khimjee, alleged to be a partner of the liquidator, Dinanath Raghunath Khote, and the defendant in the petition and suit filed in the name of Purshotum Vullabdas. The plaintiff alleged that the sum of Rs. 17,000 was really paid by defendant for the benefit of Dinanath, the time of the compromise referred to moneys passed between the defendant and the other liquidator, Ardasir Byramjee Kapadia, which were now alleged to have been loans, but which the plaintiff charged were nothing of the sort. Since he was examined in April, 1879, the defendant had concocted a totally different account of the receipt by him of the shares and moneys; and he now admitted that he did receive the 100 shares in addition to the Rs. 50,000, although in April, 1879, he said he had only received the money, and that the shares were returned on receipt of the money. The plaintiff alleged that defendant had lately invented this story. In the books of the bank appeared an entry of a loan of Rs. 3,000, made to the defendant under date the 19th February, 1877, for which a promissory note had been executed. The liquidators and the defendant now alleged that the sum was paid to defendant for his services to the bank, subject to the sanction of the court. The plaintiff submitted that the defendant should be ordered to repay the amount, with interest. Dinanath Raghunath Khote and Ardasir Byramjee Kapadia were removed from the office of liquidators by order of the court, and the plaintiff was appointed official liquidator on the 1st July, 1880.

The defendant, in his written statement, denied all the important allegations of the plaint, and put the plaintiff to the proof thereof. In 1870 he was a registered shareholder of 10 shares in the East India Bank and the holder of 210 other shares, but he had subsequently ceased to have any beneficial interest therein, and they were made over to Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey. He was a liquidator of the Eastern Financial Association, which was intimately connected with the East India Bank, and he knew some of the affairs of the bank. He filed a petition in his own name for the removal of the liquidators, but was not aware of the fraudulent character of the sale of the bank's assets until shortly before the filing of the petition. He filed no petition in the name of any other person, but became interested as a partner in three of them. He received from Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey certain moneys and securities. In 1867 defendant was secretary, treasurer, and agent of the Royal Mill and the Victoria Mill, while Cassumbhoy was secretary, treasurer, and agent to the Coorla and the Albert Mills. By an agreement, dated 4th December, 1867, it was agreed between them that a partnership should be formed in respect of the business of the four mills, that the control and management of the mills should be conducted by the defendant, and that the commission earned should be divided between the partners equally. Disputes arose, and the partnership was dissolved, one of the terms of the dissolution being that defendant should purchase 318 shares which Cassumbhoy held in the Royal Mill, at Rs. 1,700 per share, making an aggregate of Rs. 5,40,600, and that Cassumbhoy should cause defendant to be appointed secretary and agent to the Royal Mill. Cassumbhoy failed to carry out the latter part of the arrangement, and the defendant refused to perform his part thereof. Cassumbhoy filed a suit in the High Court, which was, however, compromised during the hearing under certain terms and conditions. The references in the plaint were to those terms and conditions of compromise. The defendant said he was entitled to receive the moneys he did receive in connection with the compromise of that suit, and that the claim made by the plaintiff in respect thereof was barred by limitation. Defendant admitted that he gave information to the liquidators of the bank, but denied that they were mere puppets in his hands. In March, 1877, he was asked to discontinue attending the office regularly, and to desist from further interference with the affairs of the bank; and after he ceased to assist the liquidators, save when they requested him to attend their solicitors' office to give them information. The negotiations for the compromise with Kessowjee Naik were then entered into by liquidators themselves, and he (defendant) took no part therein save as a shareholder. He received Rs. 50,000 in cash from Kessowjee Naik, and 100 shares of the Mazagon Company from Nursey Kessowjee, his son, in connection with the suit brought against defendant by Cassumbhoy Dhurumsey. In October, 1880, Kessowjee Naik laid an information against the defendant in the Fort Police Court charging him with defrauding him, and such charge was withdrawn on the defendant tendering to Kessowjee a public apology. Defendant continued on terms of hostility with Kessowjee Naik until May, 1877, in which month Kessowjee Naik called at his house and requested him to forget the past and become his friend. The defendant then alluded to the various differences which had existed between them, and Kessowjee then offered to pay defendant a handsome amount (which he did not then mention) to settle all these quarrels and differences and become friends. In July, 1877, certain disputes arose between Kessowjee Naik and Goverdhundas Khimjee, which were referred to the arbitration of defendant and Sunderrao Raghunath. In consideration of the defendant undertaking to settle that claim, &c., Kessowjee Naik agreed to pay him Rs. 90,000. In part performance of that agreement, Kessowjee in October, 1877, paid defendant Rs. 50,000 in advance of security for Rs. 75,000. Cassumbhoy at the same time agreed

coat. Her fears were further aroused by the absence of all luggage. This, however, Lefroy explained in a very plausible way, stating that he had just come from Liverpool, and that it was to follow him. On Friday morning I was introduced to him by Mrs. Bickers. He had asked her for a hatchkey, and she requested me to show him how to fit it into the door. I did so, for which he was much obliged, and expressed his thanks in a very genial way. He then returned to his room, where he remained—working at his engraving, as it was supposed. I occasionally met him on the stairs, and used to exchange a few words with him. He did not at all appear to shirk my society, and always addressed me in a friendly way. I remember on one of these occasions, during the very hot weather, he said, "It is very hot, is it not? I really think it is too hot to go out at all," and back he went to his room. On Sunday, Mrs. Bickers explained that the gentleman upstairs did not like to come down and have his meals with the other lodgers, as he felt he was too shabby. His luggage had not yet arrived from Liverpool. On one or two evenings he came down from his apartments about half-past 10 o'clock, and letting himself quietly out, walked about the neighbourhood for an hour or so, smoking a well-coloured briar, for which he seemed to nourish a particular affection. No daily papers were taken in the house. Weekly papers, however, were there on Sunday, and these he may have seen. Until Sunday morning the landlady did not even know that the murder had been committed, and though in the afternoon of that day it formed the theme of some conversation, I need scarcely state no word was said pointing to Lefroy in the matter. The mystery hanging over him, the non-appearance of his luggage, his keeping to his room, and the story about the little machine that was always represented as ever working but could never be seen, aroused my suspicions at a time when my mind, like that of so many others, was full of the Brighton murder. I communicated these suspicions to a friend residing at Brixton, to whom I described our lodger. He said it tallied with the description given by the police. I believe the friend of mine has, by communicating with Scotland-yard, led to his arrest, and if so, I think I am entitled to some part of the reward. The day after his arrival Lefroy, while I was out, walked downstairs, and borrowed a book of mine from the parlour. It was a large volume of Cassell's and furnished him with enough reading for several days. He had it still when arrested. When taking the book he said, "It is very seldom I have time to read, but I should like to look at this." Mrs. Bickers is quite overcome at the arrest of her lodger about whom the most she ever feared was that he would leave without paying his rent.

EXAMINATION OF THE PRISONER.

On Saturday the prisoner, Arthur Lefroy Mapleton was brought up in Her Majesty's prison at Lewes at 12 o'clock, before Mr. E. W. Molineux, J. P. Contrary to all expectation, the hearing was held in the interior of the prison, instead of the petty sessions room at the Town hall. The magistrate was accompanied by his clerk and Superintendent Berry, of East Grinstead. When the representatives of the press ascertained that the proceedings were going to be held in secret they sent in a joint protest to the magistrate against what they considered an un-English and unconstitutional proceeding, and asked to be at once admitted. They received a reply that the proceedings would be given to the press at the close of the inquiry by the magistrate's clerk. The message being brought by the chief warder of the prison, the press jointly replied that it was their duty to the public to report impartially at first hand, and not second-hand, all proceedings of a public character. At the conclusion of the hearing in the gaol, the press representatives protested very strongly against the privacy of the proceedings. The clerk told the reporters that if they would go to the Town hall he would read the depositions taken, which were as follows :—

The first witness called was Inspector Donald Sutherland Swanston, an inspector of the Criminal Investigation department. He said: At a quarter to eight on Friday night, in company with Inspector Jarvis and Police constable Hopkins, I went to 32, Smith-street, Stepney. On entering the front room on the first-floor I saw the prisoner, Percy Lefroy Mapleton, sitting in an arm-chair. I said, addressing him, "Percy Lefroy Mapleton?" In reply, he said, "Yes; I expected you." I told him before the police officer that I should apprehend him on the charge of wilfully murdering Mr. Gold, on the 27th of June. In answer, said "I am not obliged to make any reply, and I think it better not to make any answer." I wrote that in my note-book as he said it, and having read it over to him he said in reply, "I will qualify that by-and-by," at the same time saying, "I am not guilty." No further conversation ensued, and I then took him to Scotland-yard and brought him down to Lewes this morning, and handed him over to Superintendent Berry. (To prisoner: You offered me every facility to search the room, and did not in any way attempt to get away.) On the way to Scotland-yard I heard the prisoner speaking to Jarvis, but the noise was so great that I could not catch all he said. I cautioned the prisoner in the house as to any statement he might make being used in evidence against him.

Frederick Smith Jarvis, sworn, said: I am an inspector of police at Scotland-yard. On Friday evening, the 8th July, about 7-45, I went to No. 32, Smith-street, Stepney, in company with the last witness. On my entering the room, Swanston having done so previously, Swanston said to me. "This person admits being Lefroy. I have told him he will be charged with the murder of Mr. Gold on the Brighton railway on the 27th ult., and to which he replied, 'I am not obliged to reply, and I think I had better not.'" Lefroy himself then said, "Well, I'll qualify that, and say I am not guilty." I then searched the prisoner and found on him the keys of drawers in the room I found a black cloth vest, two caps, three collars, a false moustache and whiskers, and a portion of a coloured flannel shirt. In a cupboard in another part of the room I found a number of cuttings of material similar to the flannel shirt and a woollen scarf. On the chest of drawers I found a pair of scissors, a bottle of arnica, and a briar-root pipe. On seeing the scissors, I said, "Do these belong to you?" He replied, "Yes; I use them for cutting off my moustaches." I told him what I had found, and he said, "I think that's all that belongs to me." His waistcoat has blood marks upon it inside and out, mostly on the right breast. One of the collars has also blood upon it. Some of the clippings of material similar to the shirt are apparently blood stained. Swanston and I took prisoner to Scotland Yard in a cab. On the way he said, "I am glad" he found me. I am sick of it. I should have given myself up in a day or two. I have regretted it ever since I ran away. It put a different complexion on the case; but I could not bear the exposure. I feared certain matters in connection with my family would be made public. I suppose I shall be allowed to see a lawyer?" I replied, "Certainly." He then said, "I am glad you did not bring any of my so-called frends from Wallington with you." The above statement was made quite voluntarily. Swanston had cautioned prisoner in the room, in my presence, about saying anything before we left.

The prisoner was then remanded till Friday, when the examination will be resumed at 10 o'clock.

It was afterwards explained that the prisoner was only detained in the prison under the magistrate's warrant, and not under the coroner's warrant. Had he been brought under the coroner's warrant a writ of habeas corpus would have been necessary to remove him from the prison; otherwise the magistrate and all concerned were quite willing for all proceedings to be taken in public.

A knife, believed to have been the one used by the prisoner to murder Mr. Gold, was found by the side of the up line, near Preston bridge, on Saturday morning. It is an ordinary cheese-knife, and is stained with blood.

On Friday (the day the mail left) Mr. Pollard, who appeared for the prosecution, made the following statement of the case against the prisoner:—"I have the honour to appear to conduct the case against the prisoner, who is charged with the murder of Mr. Gold on the 27th of June. I think it right to give you a short outline of the evidence I propose to call. On the 27th June Mr. Gold, a retired tradesman, went to town, and having received a sum of money, he deposited it at his banker's. At two o'clock his train home was timed to start. He was seen to get into a first-class smoking compartment. About five minutes before a man took a first-class ticket, and the clerk will give the number of that ticket. Just before the train started the prisoner was seen to get into the same compartment with Mr. Gold. The train arrived at Croydon, and no one was seen to get into the compartment there. The train was not timed to stop again until it got to Preston, to which place it went at the usual express speed. Some one who was in the train heard a report like fog signals when the train was in the Merstham tunnel. The prisoner when the train arrived at Perston Park said that he had been assaulted. He made several statements with regard to what had taken place. There was every indication of a desperate struggle having take place. Gibson, the ticket collector, noticed that out of his shoe was hanging a piece of watch chain, and when it was pulled out it was found that there was a gold open-faced watch attached to it. The watch was put into the carriage when the prisoner went on to Brighton, and when he arrived there he took the watch from his pocket. But there was no chain then attached. At Brighton the prisoner was taken to the hospital, and he left shortly afterwards, stating that he had to go to his club. In the carriage in which the struggle took place were found two Hanoverian medals. When he was told that Hanoverian medals had been found on him, he said that he had probably got them at some whist party. He subsequently made a statement, which will be read before you. He was taken to the station, and up to a quarter-past four nothing was known of the discovery of a body in Balcombe Tunnel; in fact, the police did not know of it till past six. The attention of the prisoner had been called a second time to the possession of Hanoverian medals. He went to the shop of Mr. Ellis, to whom he owed some money, and received 10s. 6d. in exchange for two Hanoverian medals from him. Shortly the body of the murdered man was discovered in the tunnel, dead, but warm. He was cut about, and there was a bullet wound found below the right ear. No doubt the neck was dislocated, and there was a fracture of the skull. On the evening of the 28th a constable asked for the number of the watch; a number was given by the prisoner, but it was found to be wrong. The real number was 16,261, but the number given was 4,312. A witness will be called who will prove that the watch he found in the possession of the prisoner belonged to to Mr. Gold. Lefroy, when questioned, said he had had the watch in his possession several months, a statement which was obviously untrue. It was unfortunate that the prisoner was lost sight of when first accompanied by the police, but it was one of those accidents that all were liable to. He was not seen again by the police until the 8th of July, when, through information supplied to the police, he was arrested, and a false moustache, with other things, was found at his lodgings, and those things will be produced in evidence. I propose to call, first, a witness who will state that six days before the murder was committed the prisoner pawned a revolver for the sum of 6s. On the 27th June, at twelve in the day, the prisoner called at the shop and took the revolver out of pledge. When he pawned the revolver it was loaded in four or five chambers, which he unloaded at the request of the pawnbroker. One can very well understand how if the prisoner had committed the murder, he would get rid of the weapon, especially as he would suppose that the shots might have been heard. The revolver has not been found. I propose to call a witness to-day, and then ask for a remand.

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LETTERS FROM MERV.

WE *Daily News* have received three letters of absorbing interest from our intrepid Special Correspondent in Central Asia, now detained as a prisoner at Merv. The extraordinary circumstances in which he is placed, and the romance and mystery which hang round the region from which he writes, give peculiar fascination and a unique importance to these communications. Our Correspondent's position has excited general sympathy, of which we have almost daily proof in the receipt of letters inquiring concerning his safety, from all parts of the kingdom and from abroad. In a letter, dated Merv, May 29 (which is the last date of his correspondence, although we have published a telegram from him dated as recently as June 29), he says that as a prisoner he is personally well treated but that he "fears the worst," unless he can regain his liberty before the expiration of a couple of months. We are glad to say, however, that her Majesty's Minister at Teheran, Mr. R. F. Thomson, who has exerted himself very kindly in the matter, informs us that he has received a promise from the Merv chief that our Correspondent shall be allowed "shortly to leave."

The first of the letters which have come to hand is dated Mènèh, and describes our Correspondent's experiences on the road to Merv, but leaving this over for the moment, we subjoin the letters written from Merv itself :—

MERV, MARCH 25, 1881.

I have been here for the past twenty days, under circumstances which entirely precluded the possibility of writing a line. Even now I do so at the greatest risk. My narrative will speak for itself.

I wrote my last letter from Mènèh, westward of the Tejend river, on the same day I purposed starting for Merv. Four Turcomans agreed, for a consideration, to accompany me. The afternoon wore on, and the sun sank behind the horizon, and yet I could see no sign of preparations for setting out. I was told that it was not safe to start during daylight. All kinds of marauding bands were sure to be abroad who would spy our course from a distance and waylay us. It was fully two hours after sunset when I was told that everything was in readiness for our departure. I came out of my semi-subterranean wigwam, and found the horses ready saddled, and my escort mounted. The night was dark, for the slender moon showed but pitifully behind drifting clouds, and was but three hours from the western horizon. After that the blackness would be as dense as it usually is out on these plains under such circumstances. There was certainly but little fear of any one, friend or foe, spying us out. When all were mounted we had the usual half-hour's pause, usual on such occasions to smoke the kalioun, or water pipe. This instrument constitutes an important element in the life of a Turcoman. During the day, not half hour passes but it has to be prepared and lighted; and a Turcoman will rise half-a-dozen times during the night to take a couple of pulls at his eternal "water pipe." Hence, a journey that is consequent on smoking becomes a serious nuisance—so often is a halt called—and so considerable is the delay occasioned by lighting this confounded smoking apparatus. At length we started—seven in all; myself and two servants, and the escort of four Turcomans, all four as villanous-looking a set of men as I have met with in any part of the world. * * * * * * *

As we reached what is called Merv proper, some marshes were to be seen—what would be called a boggy expanse, where a branch of the Murgab expends itself. The sun was rising and steamy columns rose from the dun brown expanse. A few spectral camals and lean cows stood about with a kind of hopeless air; and some sheepskin-capped youths got up from their smokey fires to stare at us as we passed. The Governor of the Attock had presented me with an umbrella when I left him, and my Akhal Tekke servant had spread it to keep off the miserably cold drizzle that was falling. This phenomenon of an umbrella—a hitherto unseen article in this part of the world—called around us numerous spectators. From the audible observations on all sides I could learn that the opinion was that a successful raid had been made and that I was one of its fruits. We reached some large irrigation trenches, with sluggish waters scarce flowing between the high-piled banks in the midst of a dark wooded country. Through the rain-mist twelve outlines were visible. They were the first *alaudjaks* of Merv—the first trace of the longed-for goal. Here came a pause. My conductors suddenly entertained doubts as to my nationality. How could any one know but that I was a Russian? More considerate people said, "Who knows but that they will kill him at the first village." During two mortal hours we sat on horseback in the driving rain, our horses' tails to the wind, awaiting the result of the deliberations. At last a result was arrived at, and we rode straight to the first village that loamed through the mist.

A village here looks exactly like an immense aviary, the straw-coloured, dome-shaped *utaffaks* or *evs* resembling so many immense bee-hives. The group of houses to which we directed our steps number some hundred and fifty. A number of bales of silk and other merchandise from Bokhara were lying about for a caravan was on the point of starting for Meshed. A crowd of wild-looking people came out to stare at myself and my cavalcade as I rode up—the women, with their draggled locks and witch-like garments, perhaps the most weird of the lot. The general impression was that a successful raiding party had brought in a prisoner of importance to be held to ransom. So far as my personal appearance went, I might have passed anywhere, save for my enormous tiara of black sheepskin, and over my shoulders I had thrown a drenched leopard skin, beneath which showed a much worn Ulster overcoat. I dismounted at the door of a hut to which my horse was peremptorily led, and in view of the attitude of the people I for the first time fully recognised the risks I had so gaily faced at the commencement. At the best, captivity for an indefinite period. But I felt so glad to be at Merv at last in spite of every difficulty that I didn't much care. The circular beehive-house into which I was shown was instantaneously crowded to suffocation. The caravan "bashi" as chief of the commercial cavalcade about to start for Meshed was very civil to me. His more or less international instincts taught him that it was perhaps best to be so. Some one pulled off my wet riding boots; and another substituted a lambskin mantle for my drenched leopard skin and over-coat. A bowl of scalding hot green tea without any sugar, and tasting like a dose of Epsom salts, completed my material comforts. Some words passed between my escort and the housefull. I had come from the direction of the Russian camp; and my conductors were sufficiently cowardly to shirk all responsibility, and declare they knew nothing about me, though on the road they were quite enthusiastic about the advent of a Feringhi and an Englishman to Merv.

I could see by the thinning of the audience that I was losing ground; and angry voices reaching me from a hut hard by, told me in half-heard words that public opinion was not in my favour. "Who knows but he is a Russian, and come to survey the road, as they will have an *afcaunn* on our backs in forty-eight hours?" Then a great fat man with a mingled expression of ruffianism and humour came in, and asked me plainly who and what I was. I told him as well as I could, considering that the language used was Jagatai Tartar, and that the Turcomans of Merv have not a clearly defined notion of what the functions of a newspaper correspondent are. I said I could set matters right in a few days by despatching a letter to the British native agent, Abas Khan, at Meshed, despatching it by the caravan which was just about starting. This proposition was met by a general shout of warning not to write a single word or my throat would be immediately cut. In fact, these people were so startled and frightened by the rapid Russian successes at Yengi Sheher (Geok Tepè), and entertained such dire apprehensions that Schobeleff might be on the point of repeating his performance at Merv itself, that my advent as a stranger and a possible Russian put them in such a temper that it was by no means safe to trifle with them. Once I ventured to produce my note-book and jot down a few items concerning the morning's journey. At once an excited Turcoman darted out of the hut with the news that the Ferenghi was writing, and such is the dread of these unlettered people of the mighty effect of *litera scripta*, that thereupon a regular storm arose, and I could hear the recommendation to finish me off at once repeated by many a lip. In came the humorous-looking ruffian again, evidently a person of some standing, who assured me in a vehement manner that if paper and pencil were again seen in my hand, I could only blame myself for the result. Soon everyone, save myself and my two men, were ordered to quit the hut, a strong guard was mounted at the door, and I was left to ruminate over the possible outcome of a situation into which my conscience whispered I had thrust myself with a scarce justifiable amount of recklessness. However, under the combined influence of dry clothes, a fire, and a meal of boiled-rice, which was considerately sent into us, I speedily began to recover my wonted optimism. "After all," I said to myself, "unless they are considerably worse even than they are painted, these Merv Tekkes won't murder me out of hand simply on suspicion of being a Russian, especially as my hypothetic countrymen are not far off." I longed very much to get out paper and pen, and there and then write what I am now committing to paper. But fears of awakening another storm by my obduracy made me content myself with inactivity. In fact, twenty hours in the saddle, with only a couple of attempts at rest, such as I have described, and with so slender a commissariat, justified some repose; and in half an hour I was sleeping soundly.

It wanted but an hour of sunset when I was awakened by the opening of the door, and the entry of a man I had not previously seen. My Kurd servant at once recognised him. He had often met him at Geok Tepe previous to its fall. The stranger was no other than the celebrated Tekme Serdar, the chief military leader of the Akhal Tekkes, and the man by whose energy and ability the defence of the Turcoman terriory and fortress had been so prolonged. He is slightly under the middle height and broadly built, very quiet, almost subdued in his manners, his small grey eyes sometimes lighting up with a humorous twinkle. His features, though by no means regular, had that irregularity one often sees in a distinguished savant of the West, and bore the impress of thought. Had I met him elsewhere and clothed in European garments, I should not have been surprised to learn that he was a distinguished member of the Bar or some other learned profession. For some time he said but little, being evidently engaged in examining me closely. At length he seemed satisfied that I was not a Russian, he having probably had sufficient experience of the appearance of these latter to enable him to form a sound opinion. He went on to say what I had so often heard before from the lips of the Tekkets, how disappointed they were that the English troops had stopped short, and not come on via Herat to the Turcoman country. Then he proceeded to review the general situation, and its bearing on the Turcoman question. He showed a knowledge of geography that surprised me. On the sandy floor he traced with his finger a rough map of the ground from Kandahar to the Caspian. "Here," he said, "are the English; here is Merv, and here are the Russians. In one case the distance to be traversed is large, in the other small. In case of the sudden outbreak of hostilities, we know which party would arrive first at Merv. The Akhal-Tekkes have seen that when the Russians assailed them the English troops didn't come to the rescue. The Merv people remembered this, and would probably side with the first comers."

This was Tekme Serdar's way of looking at the situation—a sufficiently broad one, and probably the correct one too. He believed, too, that in case the Russians wished to move on Herat from their present position in the Akhal-Tekke country, it would be by no means necessary, or expedient even, for them to come to Merv as a preliminary step. Could they but secure the neutrality or friendship of the people of this latter place, the evident route would be along the line of more or less cultivated and watered country to some point on the Tejend river, and then along the banks of that stream to Herat. Active hostility on the part of the Merv people would of course necessitate their subjugation before going further, as it would be very inconvenient to have a large force of cavalry, accustomed to raiding, constantly assailing the flank of the line of communication. This same view of the question, it will be recollected, I advanced in one of my last letters, dated some time since, from Kelat. Since writing that letter I have been over a great part of the ground and seen a section of the Tejend and am confirmed in my previous views. The only difficulty would be for infantry and baggage waggons to clear the waterless ground intervening between the last water to westward and the Tejend river. A pretty stiff march of thirty miles, however, would be sufficient to accomplish this—a few wells dug at a medial point rendering the journey quite an easy affair. Of course there would be another route from Askabad, via Kuchan or Mohammedabad, to the Meshed valley, the route along which I described in a former letter. But in both these cases there would be mountain chains to cross, both, in the present state of the roads, entirely impracticable to artillery and waggons, and, moreover, a very serious violation of Persian territory would be requisite. I spent the entire evening talking over these matters with Tekme Sirdar. He said he had received an invitation from the Russian camp, coupled with an assurance of perfect impunity and forgiveness for the past. He said he was perfectly aware that the Russians would not kill him, albeit he had killed a good many of them, and that, too, not always in fair fight, as in the case of the sixty prisoners murdered within the walls of Yengi Sheher a few days previous to its capture. "But," he said, "I fear being sent away to reside in some distant part of Russia, as so many of the Yomut chiefs were in the past few years." I have not since seen him, but I have heard that he resolved to surrender himself at Askabad, as so many of his companions have done and are daily doing.

The following morning I was summoned to mount my horse and proceed to head-quarters, to Merv itself—the seat of Government of the Tekkes, that mysterious goal to which I had been so long looking forward.

(To be continued.)

THE WIMBLEDON MEETING.

THE CAMP, FRIDAY.

A TIE for the silver medal in the Queen's competition is an incident of extreme rarity; but the tie which was the result of the final shooting in the first stage yesterday is in another respects also remarkable The two competitors are each in his way national champions—Major Pearse, of Devon, the English champion, having the advantage in age and length of experience at Wimbledon; and Corporal Ingram, the advantage of an encouraging number of recent successes of the most unequivocal character, and a training of the most thorough kind among a family of riflemen. Since 1875, when Major Pearse, of the 4th Devon (then Captain Pearse, of the 18th Devon) came prominently forward, his doings with the rifle have filled a page in each year's history of rifle shooting. From about the same period young Ingram has been an annual visitor to Wimbledon, helping every year to maintain the prestige of his battalion—now the 3rd Lanark, but better known at Wimbledon under its old designation of the 19th Lanark. Corporal Ingram comes of a stock which is identified in Scotland with modern improvements in firearms and the progress of modern rifle shooting. His uncle, "Old Charley Ingram," was not only the inventor of the weapon which until quite recently held a first place as an arm of precision, but a shot of the first-class in his native country; while his father who still sticks to a pastime which has for 30 years brought him both amusement and fame, has been accustomed to declare that he would go on shooting until his son eclipsed him. That event may now be said to have taken place, for Corporal Ingram has during the present season won the foremost position in his own country, and has fairly proved himself one of the best two shots among the 2,300 best shots in the kingdom. The two men who will this evening shoot for the possession of the silver medal are thus worthy of each other's steel, and are as fit representatives of St. George and St. Andrew as could have been found by any method of selection. If the same arrangements at Wimbledon had not put collusion entirely out of the question—which every one maintains they have—the process by which the two best men have been filtered out of 2,300 competitors would be almost sufficient to establish its reputation, and to prove at the same time that from rifle shooting the element of chance is being fast eliminated, and that the art of rifle shooting is rapidly rising to the dignity of an applied science. Besides the tie for the place of honour, the final competitions this evening will embrace the 17 competitors who yesterday finished with an aggregate score of 88 for the lowest places in the Sixty. Forty-seven men who gained 89 marks and over have won the first 47 places in the sixty, but the remaining 13 places will not be allotted until the order of merit of the 17 men with 88 has been decided by the tie shooting this evening.

The following list shows the "Sixty" who will fire in the final stage :—

QUEEN'S.—First Stage.

Major Pearse, 4th Devon	..	96
Corporal Ingram, 3rd Lanark	..	96
Sergeant Finch, 10th Middlesex	..	94
Sergeant J. Stewart, 3rd Lanark	..	93
Colonel-Sergeant Mottershead, 6th Lan	..	93
Lieutenant J. Wilson, 3rd Lanark	..	93
Sergeant Jerram, 1st Notts	..	93
Private Bratherton, 5th Chesh	..	92
Sergeant West, 2nd Lan	..	92
Corporal Wilson, 1st Durham	..	92
Corporal W. Caldwell, Renfrew	..	92
Corporal Carter, 2nd Gloucester	..	91
Private Paton, 1st Lanaok	..	91
Captain Easton, 10th Lanark	..	91
Color-Sergeant Parker, 1st Warwk	..	91
Private Faulkner, 1st Westmrld	..	91
Sergeant Wellburn, 1st W. York	..	91
Private Hawkes, 2nd W. York	..	90
Sergeant Sanders, 3rd Stafford	..	90
Sergeant Tucker, 5th Devonshire	..	90
Private Beck, 3rd Devonshire	..	90
Lieutenant Mitchell, 1st Cumbeld	..	90
Corporal Holdaway, 1st Hants	..	90
Sergeant Maroney, 1st Glamorgan	..	90
Sergeant Stevens, 19th Middlesex	..	90
Private Chantler, H. A. C.	..	90
Private Gray, 1st Lanark	..	90
Private Davis, 8th Middlesex	..	90
Corporal T. Bennett, 2nd Oxford	..	90
Lieutenant Livesay, 1st Sussex	..	90
Sergeant Mitchell, 3rd Lanark	..	90
Corporal Mather, 1st Derby	..	90
Private Jeffries, 2nd Tower Hamlets	..	90
Private Rae, 1st Stirling	..	89
Staff-Sergeant Walker, Canada	..	89
Private Ferguson, 1st Ayr	..	89
Sergeant Hasgill, Royal Worts	..	89
Private Phillips, 1st Hants	..	89
Private Wade, 1st Lancashire	..	89
Private Moorhouse, 6th Lancas	..	89
Lance-Corporal Campbell, 3rd Lanark	..	89
Q.-M.-S. Leith, 2nd Lanark	..	89
Sergeant Donnelly, 16th Lancas	..	89
Private Kennedy, 1st Roxburgh	..	89
Sergeant Pullman, 2nd Middlesex	..	89
Private Gates, 1st Sussex	..	89
Sergeant Forster, 8th Surrey	..	89
Private M'Conchy, 1st Lanark	..	88
Private Tucker, 3rd Lanark	..	88
Captain M'Cloy, 3rd Lanark	..	88
Sergeant Greaves, 7th Lancashire	..	88
Private Callard, 1st Middlesex	..	88
Private Silver, Hon. Artillery Co.	..	88
Sergeant Tunstall, 9th Lancashire	..	88
Sergeant Anderson, 15th Lancashire	..	88
Lieutenant Akerrigg, 1st Cumberland	..	88
Sergeant Palmer, 1st Warwick	..	88
Private Kelsey, 7th West York	..	88
Q.-M.-S. Whitehead, 1st Devon	..	88
Sergeant Taylor, Dumbarton	..	88
Private Sexton, 2nd Gloucester	..	88
Private Sibert, 1st Notts	..	88
Private M'Farlane, 1st Renfrew	..	88
Corporal Smeath, 1st Sussex	..	88

Besides the Queen's and the Alexandra Prizes, a competition at 500 and 600 yards, with the Martini rifle, and the Glen Albyn, a 200 yards competition, with the Snider, were completed last evening, but at too late an hour for the results to be published by the Statistical Department. The best scores in the Alexandra were 65, made by Private Simpson, Queen's Edinburgh; and 64, made by Corporal Saxton 1st Norfolk, and Corporal Caldwell, 1st Renfrew.

The most important competition of to-day is that for the St. George's Vase, for which the entries are nearly as numerous as in the Queen's. The St. George's is contested with the Snider rifle, at 500 yards, the aggregate value of the 135 prizes being £1,283. If the St. George's Vase should be won this year by the London Scottish, or any of the other battalions, the thorny question which has recently been mooted will be summarily settled by the vase becoming the absolute property of the battalion winning it. The Windmill, the Prince of Wales, and the Martin's competitions are also proceeding to-day, in addition to the continuing competitions for the Henry, the Halford, the Kirkman, and other prizes.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

The best St. George's scores made this morning are—Private Somerville, 1st Lanark, and Sergeant Springett, 3rd Kent, 33; Captain Stewart, 3rd Lanark, 32; Sergeant Walker, 3rd Lanark, 30.—*Globe*, July 15.

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